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REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of June 23, 2005 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1, 3 - 11 and 15 are pending. These were examined, and as a result of this examination claims 1 and 3 - 11 are finally rejected and claim 15 allowed.

While not conceding the propriety of the rejections, applicant has decided to accept the allowed claim 15. In addition to allowed independent claim 15, new claims 16 - 24 have been added. These new claims should be entered because they depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowed claim 15. Accordingly, new claims 16 - 24 should be allowed along with claim 15.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration is respectfully requested, and claims 16 - 24 entered and allowed along with claim 15.

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